

House Resolution No. 1782

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives readily acknowledge that the freedoms enjoyed today by Show-Me State residents have been purchased by the shed blood of individuals from earlier generations who did not return home after they had answered the patriotic call to military service; and

Whereas, on Saturday, April 29, 2000, a Memorial composed of an upright, five-thousand-pound anchor on permanent loan from a Suffolk County Class Navy Tank Landing Ship (LST) and set with a black memorial stone was dedicated in Mexico, Missouri, by the Exercise Tiger Foundation one year after the establishment of the Exercise Tiger Expressway; and

Whereas, Exercise Tiger was a highly secret D-Day Invasion training mission during which a convoy of eight LSTs and a lone escort were attacked without warning on April 28, 1944, by nine German "E" motor torpedo boats which sank or damaged three of the convoy ships and killed 749 men in the costliest battle at that point since Pearl Harbor; and

Whereas, the Exercise Tiger Association's National Commemorative Foundation annually honors all veterans of all wars and conflicts to reach its goal of making the words "Exercise Tiger" synonymous with the recognition of forgotten veterans; and

Whereas, on April 28, 2004, the Exercise Tiger Association will honor the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Battle of Exercise Tiger through a series of events to be held in Mexico, Missouri, at the National Exercise Tiger Memorial which will include the dedication of a plaque with the names of eleven Missourians whose lives have been lost thus far in Iraq and the recognition of the 205th Medical Battalion from Kansas City which has treated more than five hundred soldiers in Iraq without losing any because of their battle wounds:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to acknowledge the Sixtieth Anniversary of World War II Battle of Exercise Tiger and to commend the diligent efforts of National Executive Director/Acting Chief of Staff Walter Domanski, State Chapter Director Susan Haines, and all of those who help bring this well-deserved commemoration to fruition on April 28, 2004, as a reminder of the sacrifices made by all military veterans for the cause of freedom; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation at the Exercise Tiger Anchor Memorial in Mexico, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Steve Hobbs
District No. 21

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1782, adopted April 15, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker